

**ACTS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF
GEORGIA 1998**

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WILLIAM "BILLY" SHAW ABNEY HIGHWAY;
L. CARLTON GILL HIGHWAY;
DR. J. A. GRIFFITH COMMEMORATIVE BRIDGE;
HOLLY MICHIALS MEMORIAL BRIDGE;
BETTY PORTER FIELD MEMORIAL BRIDGE;
S. C. CADWELL HIGHWAY;
HEART OF GEORGIA ARMED FORCES VETERANS MEMORIAL INTERSECTION;
HUBERT ERVIN "H.E." HOBBS HIGHWAY — DESIGNATED.

No. 96 (House Resolution No. 1106).

A RESOLUTION

Designating the William "Billy" Shaw Abney Highway, the L. Carton Gill Highway, and the Hubert Ervin "H. E." Boggs Highway; and for other purposes.

PART I.

WHEREAS, Mr. William "Billy" Shaw Abney served as the Judge of the Juvenile Court in Walker, Dade, and Catoosa Counties for 33 years prior to being appointed a senior judge by Governor Zell Miller in 1997; and

WHEREAS, William "Billy" Shaw Abney was born in 1934 in LaFayette, Georgia, and has been a resident of Walker County for 63 years; and

WHEREAS, he has been married to Ann Abney, a long-time Walker County educator, since 1961 and they have two outstanding children, Shaw who is a cattle farmer and Anna who is an art major in Cortona, Italy; and

WHEREAS, in 1960, Mr. Abney was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives where he served four terms; and

WHEREAS, later, he served two terms in the Georgia Senate; and

WHEREAS, Judge Abney provided the leadership in having juvenile detention facilities constructed in Northwest Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Judge Abney has contributed more to good government and political stability in Walker County than any other individual in the past 50 years and he is highly respected and loved by the people of Walker County; and

WHEREAS, it is most fitting and appropriate to honor this outstanding citizen for his many years of dedicated public service to the people of Walker County and the State of Georgia.

PART II.

WHEREAS, Mr. L. Carlton Gill has been recognized by the citizens of Bryan County for the vital role that he has played in community leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and stat as evidenced dramatically by his over four decades of superlative service as a member of the board of commissioners of Bryan County; and

WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of his community have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

PART III.

WHEREAS, Honorable Hubert Ervin "H. E." Hobbs served with distinction, dedication, and ability as mayor of the City of Cusseta for 17 years and was instrumental in bringing numerous public improvements to the city and its citizens, including the creation of the municipal water system; and

WHEREAS, he was widely respected for his 20 years of service as chairman of the Chattahoochee County Board of Education and for his leadership in providing exceptional educational opportunities to the young people of Chattahoochee County; and

WHEREAS, he was a faithful member of the First Baptist Church of Cusseta, where he served as chairman of the board of deacons; and

WHEREAS, he was actively involved with the business, civic, and social lives of his community, having served as president of the Cusseta Lions Club; and

WHEREAS, he was the devoted husband of the late Mrs. Lorene Hobbs and the father of four outstanding children, Van, Penny, Terry, and Mary Ellen.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that State Highway 193 in Walker County from its intersection with the city limits of the City of LaFayette to its intersection with State Highway 341 at Davis Crossroads shall be designated the William "Billy" Shaw Abney Highway.

PART IV.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of Interstate 95/Georgia Highway 405 running through Bryan County from the boundary of Liberty County to the boundary of Chatham County be named the L. Carlton Gill Highway.

That the bridge on Highway 5 known as State Route 5, shall be named in honor of, "Dr. J. A. Griffith and shall be known as the Dr. J. A. Griffith Commemorative Bridge.

And that the bridge on State Route 6, over Sweetwater Creek in Cobb County shall be known as the Holly Michials Memorial Bridge.

And that the bridge located on Highway 280 known as South Cobb Drive at I-285 shall be known as the Betty Porter Field Memorial Bridge.

And that portion of State Road 165 be named Mr. S. C. Cadwell in his honor.

And that the Intersection 341 and Georgia Highway 87 in Dodge County be named Heart of Georgia Armed Forces Veterans Memorial Intersection.

PART V.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that Georgia Highway 520 Business beginning at U. S. Highway 27-280 west of Cusseta and going through the City of Cusseta and south to the intersection of U. S. Highway 27-280 is designated the Hubert Ervin "H. E." Hobbs Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commissioner of Transportation is authorized and directed to place appropriate signs for these designations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Judge William "Billy" Shaw Abney, Mr. L. Carlton Gill, and the family of Hubert Ervin "H. E." Hobbs.

Approval Date: Approved April 20, 1998.